

HARPER

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1. Peter Lightner (3) married Annis E. Harper, daughter of Lt. Nicholas Harper, and Elisabeth Feninger, daughter of Henry Feninger.
2. William Lightner (3) married Elisabeth Harper.
3. Adam Lightner (3) born Sept. 1760, married Susannah Harper.
4. Samuel Lightner (3) married Elisabeth Soncabaugh.
5. Christenberger Lightner (3) married Catherine Zickafoose of Kentucky.
6. John Michael Lightner (3) married Elizabeth Reader (Ryder).
7. Elisabeth Lightner (3) married Henry Harper. Died 1876, age 96.
8. Mary Lightner (3) married Adam Matheny. Migrated to Missouri.
9. Andrew Lightner (3) died in childhood.

II. Lt. Nicholas Harper (2) son of Michael and Isabel Harper, married Elisabeth Feninger. Born in Germany in 1753, died 1818 in Pendleton Co. Served in the 2nd Battalion, Augusta Co. Virginia under Captain Peter Hall.

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2. Henry Harper (3) married Elizabeth Lightner.
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9. Leonard Harper (3) born Nov. 6, 1797, married Phoebe Dice.
10. George Harper (3) 1799-1866. Married Margaret Wimer in 1820.
11. Sarah Harper (3) married Henry Bevner.

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1. Elisabeth Harper (4) married James R. Poage.
2. Anna Harper (4) married Washington Moore.
3. Nelly Harper (4) married James Maloof. Moved to Nicholas Co. Dunn Harper (4) married John McCarty of Hilleboro.
4. Bob Harper (4) married Lydia Givoy of Greenbrier & the Monroe Co. moved to West Virginia.
5. William Harper (4) married Elisabeth Givoy, sister of Lydia.
6. Sarah Harper (4) married Matilda Moore.
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3. Sally Harper (4) married James Meloosh. Moved to Nicholas Co.
4. Nancy Harper (4) married John McQuary of Hillsboro.
5. John Harper (4) married Lydia Givey of Greenbrier & the Moores Co. William Harper (4) married Elizabeth Givey, sister of Lydia.
6. John Harper (4) died at age of 18.
7. 1. Harper (4) married Melinda Monge.
8. Peter Harper (4) married Phoebe Sharp, daughter of Joseph Sharp and Estey Lightner.
9. Ruthless Harper (4) died at age of 14.

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Anna Harper (4) married A. Washington Moore.

1. Sally Moore (5) married Zechariah Gum, son of James Henry Gum.
Second husband: David Burnside.
2. Mary Moore (5) married John Verner & lived at Big Spring of Elk.
3. Ella Moore (5) married Benjamin Verner and moved to Iowa.
4. Newton Moore (5)
5. Zane Moore (5)
6. John Andrew Moore (5)
7. Price Moore (5)
8. Annie Moore (5) married James Loury of Huntersville. (no children)

Susan Harper (4) married John McGarvey.

1. Ella McGarvey (5)
2. Mrs. G. H. Curry (5)
3. Della McGarvey (5)

Samuel Harper (4) married Melinda Moore. Second wife: Margaret Jane Gum.

1. Elizabeth Lucas Harper (5) married Rev. James Moore.
2. Sarah Ann Harper (5) married Washington Herold near Frost.
3. Matilda Harper (5) married Francis Dever.
4. Frank Wilson Harper (5) married Phoebe Ann Gum, daughter of Henry Gum of Frost.
5. Preston Moore Harper (5) married Frances Lucratia Gum, daughter of Henry Gum. (Her brothers: James Henry Gum married Dennis Gum, Zachariah Gum married Sally Moore (5)).
6. William Lightner Harper (5) married Emma Hamilton, daughter of George Hamilton near Sunset.

Samuel Harper (4) married Margaret Jane Gum, daughter of John Gum.

1. America (5) married E. B. Rice.

2. Virginia (5) died of diphtheria at age 5.

Sally Moore (5) married Zechariah Gum.

1. Henry Gus (6)

2. Edmonia Gus (6) married ~~Henry~~ Sterting. (Daughter: Annabelle).

Sally Moore (5) married David Burnside.

1. Robert Burnside (6)
2. Mary Burnside (6) married Ford.
3. Matzie Burnside (6) married Alfred Pollio.
4. Ruth Burnside (6)

Matilda Harper (5) married Francis Dever.

1. Alice Dever (6) married John Barnett.

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1. Ernest Fletcher Harper (6) married Georgia Ann May Sexton, daughter of George Baxter and Sarah Ann Poage. Ernest born May 10, 1870.

2. Harry Wilson Harper (6) married Mary Aldridge.

3. Blanche Isaccia Harper (5) born 7/22/1879, married Jacob Beard. Second husband: John Embbrick.

4. Forrest Harper (6) died of Meningitis at age 16.

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(born 5/17/1878.)

1. Anna Frances Harper (?) born 5/6/10, married James Kyle Rock
(born 11/15/06) on 7/23/28. (~~married~~)
2. Blanche Margaret Harper (?) born 5/11/12, married Elmer Wyner,
son of Eva & Robert Alexander Wyner of C_oosa.
3. Evalene Baxter Harper (?) married Herbert Gleiborne Hawkins
of Petersburg, Va. (Evalene born 11/7/13.)
4. Edna Ernestine (?) born 4/25/17, married Charles Edward Hall of
Luray, Va.

Harry Wilson Harper (6) married Mary Auldridge. (Born 7/23/1877).

1. Smith March Harper (?) married Samuel Austin Burdette.
2. Windell Wardelle Harper (?) married Dora Browning of Huntington.
3. Frank Ruben Harper (?) married Grace Johnson of Marlinton.
4. Henry Lee Harper (?) married Virginia Miller.
5. Harry Julian Harper (?) married Nadine Lightner of Knappe Creek.

Blanche Incretin Harper (5) married Jacob Beard.

1. Henry Harper Beard (?) married Elizabeth Clark. Henry born 12/19/
2. Lillian Frances Beard (7) 8/28/07-10/12/08, died from overdose of
morphine.
3. Stillborn infant 7/9/04.

Annie Frances Harper (7) married Jessie E. Rock.

1. Edward Wilson Rock (8) born 3/27/39, married Anita Susan McDougal.
2. Jane Ann Rock (8) born 12/20/44, married James H. Marshall.

Blanche Margaret Harper (7) born 5/11/12, married Elmer Wyner on 5/10/44.

1. Margaret Ruth Wyner (5) born 3/3/45, married Robert Melvin
Taylor.
2. Robert Ernest Wyner (6) born 2/9/47, married Holly Elisabeth
Cline.
3. Wanda Jean Wyner (6) born 1/5/52.

Evalene Baxter Harper (7) and Herbert Gleiborne Hawkins.

1. Kay Hawkins (8) married Thomas Cawile.

Edna Ernestine Harper (?) married Charles Edward Hall.

1. Charles Ann Hall (8) married Samuel Mockman, who died of heart
disease shortly after their marriage.
2. Charles Edward Hall (8) married Linda ~~Gandy~~ ~~Wardelle~~.

Smith March Harper (7) born 3/31/1900, died 12/1/79. Married Samuel
Burdette.

1. John Austin "Jack" Burdette (8) married Winnie.
2. David Burdette (8) married Carol Huddleston. Second Wife: Jean
Davis.

Willie Verdielle Harper (7) married Dora Frances Browning.

1. Betty Jean Harper (8) married Glen Arbaugh.

2. William Winfield Harper (8) married Dorothy _____.
Verdielle Harper (?) married Jean Birton.

1. Craig Harper (8) died at age 21.

Willie Verdielle Harper (?) married Nelle _____.
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4. Henry Lee Harper (?) married Virginia Hillar.
5. Harry Julian Harper (?) married Nadine Lightner of Knappa Creek.

Elanora Isabellia Barber (5) married Jacob Beard.

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3. Stillborn infant 7/9/08.

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1. Margaret Ruth Wyner (4) born 3/3/45, married Robert Marvin Taylor.
 2. Robert Ernest Wyner (8) born 2/9/47, married Holly Elisabeth Cline.
 3. Wanda Jean Wyner (6) born 1/6/52.

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Miss Ernestine Marcella (?) married Charles Edward Hall

1. Charlie Ann Hall (8) married Samuel Neckman, who died of heart disease shortly after their marriage.
2. Charlie Edmon Hall (3) married Linda Gandy.

Rich March Harper (?) born 5/31/1900, died 12/1/79. Married Samual
Barlette.

2. John Austin "Jack" Burdette (8) married Winnie Davis Burdette (8) married Carol Huddleston. Second wife: Jean Davis.

Silvia Vassallo Marcor (2) passed away on

1. Early 1900s (7) married Doge Princess Brown
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William Winslow Upper (5) married Dorothy

Gratia Murphy (?) married Jean Richter.

• 0914. Rangpur (B) died at age 21.

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2. Elizabeth Sue Harper (8) married Charles Richardson III.
3. Harry Daniel Harper (8) married Mary Elizabeth Holler.
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Harry Julian Harper (7) married Nedine Lightner.

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2. Jill Allison Wyner (9) born 9/11/80.

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3. Steven Burdette (9)
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2. Patrick Burdette (9)
3. Jeffrey Burdette (9)

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2. Deron Keith Harper (9) born 7/2/69

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The young settlers from Pendleton Co. found a few acres of cleared land. The thickets of thorn and crab apple and wild plum were almost impenetrable. The sheep, pigs, and calves had to be penned by the house to protect them from wolves and bears. By patient and persistent effort land was cleared and a home reared.

At his suggestion, William Givey, of Anthony's Creek, sank a ten yard. Then Mr. Harper established a blacksmith shop and built the first tilt house in this region. This shop was carried on under his own personal supervision. Ralph Wanless, George Revener of Pendleton Co. and the late Anthony Lightner of Songo, and others, learned the trade with him, and were all good blacksmiths. Mr. Harper also reared a flouring mill, which was operated by himself and son Samuel, chiefly. Father and son were smiths and millers and alternated in their work. William Gibson, of Huntersville, and Henry Harper were the contractors that built the Warm Springs and Huntersville turnpike sixty-five years ago. Captain William Cochran, of Stony Creek, was their principal foreman and manager in construction. In the meantime, the farm was duly attended to and much land bought and a splendid estate became his.

He had a passion for hunting, which he indulged in merely for recreation.

He died in 1859, aged 70 years. Mrs. Harper followed her husband in 1875, aged 66 years.

In personal appearance Mr. Harper was of medium stature, somewhat stooped in the shoulders. His voice was soft and flute like in tone, very quiet and retiring in his manners and leisurely in his movements, and yet his establishment was a busy hive of industry, and all moved on like clockwork.

His family consisted of five sons and four daughters; Elizabeth, Sally, Anna, and Susan. The sons were Jacob, William, Samuel, Henry and Michael who died at fourteen.

Jacob Harper married Lydia Givey, daughter of George Givey of Anthony's Creek, and settled on Meadow Creek, Greenbrier Co., and finally moved to Monroe Co.

William Harper married Elizabeth Givey, sister of Jacob's wife and settled on the farm now held by William L. Harper, near Sunset. His last years were passed on Greenbrier River at the Friel place, where his son William now resides.

Samuel Harper married Melinda Moore, and lives on the old homestead, where he yet resides in the 87th year of his life. Their daughter Saboth Lucas is the widowed wife of Rev. James E. Morris. Sarah Ann married Washington Herold, near Frost. Matilda married Frances Dover. Their son, Preston Harper, married Lucretia Gum, daughter of Harry Gum, Frost. Frank Wilson Harper married Anna Gum, sister of Mr. Preston. His son, William Lightner Harper married Anna, daughter of George Bilton rear Bassett.

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Castles in Spain was written by the author in 1981, soon after his appointment as Director of Libraries at the University of Edinburgh. It was an attempt to introduce the author's new colleagues to the library world, and it was also a way of introducing them to the author's own interests. The book is divided into three main sections: 'The History of the Library', 'The Library in the University', and 'The Future of the Library'. Each section contains a brief history of the library, followed by a discussion of its current state and future prospects. The book is intended to be a guide to the library world, and it is hoped that it will be useful to both students and professionals.

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Do any readers of this newsletter have other information about the military service of these, or other, Hickmans in the Civil War? If so, please send me a note on who, what, where, and when. Are there any other Civil War era photos of Hickmans?

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The photo was taken of us kids standing on a rock wall and rock fireplace built by my father (but that is another story) in the yard of my grandmother's home on Back Creek. I always knew the place as Sun Rose, but after I began writing this history I realized Sun Rose was not the name of the farm, but the name of a locality and its post office.

The postmaster of the Sun Rose post office from 1902 to 1936 was my grandmother, Ollie Gertrude Lockridge Hickman (1870-1948), and she did business through the dining room window of her home. Before that her sister, Minnie Herman Lockridge Gwin, was the Sun Rose postmaster from 1890 to 1902 and the post office must have been in her home down the creek a bit. From 1889 to 1896 the postmaster was Laura Eugenia Hickman (1856-1888), a sickly woman who never married and who died of Bright's disease. She was succeeded by her step-mother, Rebecca Ann Lovvy Hickman (1823-1896), the third wife of my great-grandfather, Roger Hickman (1813-1888), and during their tenure the Sun Rose post office was at the Hickman ancestral home place a mile down the creek from what I had known as "Sun Rose" as a child.

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Nancy Bradshaw was a favorite niece of the second Roger Hickman (1813-1888) and his brother William P. Hickman (1810-1864) who mentioned her in many of his letters. All I had known about Nancy's place in the family tree had come from the will of her grandfather and some letters from her uncles and aunt, as follows:

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The photo was taken of us kids standing on a rock wall and rock fireplace built by my father (but that is another story) in the yard of my grandmother's home on Back Creek. I always knew the place as Sun Rose, but after I began writing this history I realized Sun Rose was not the name of the farm, but the name of a locality and its post office.

The postmaster of the Sun Rose post office from 1902 to 1936 was my grandmother, Ollie Gertrude Lockridge Hickman (1870-1960), and she did business through the dining room window of her home. Before that her sister, Minnie Hermina Lockridge Gwin, was the Sun Rose postmaster from 1890 to 1902 and the post office must have been in her home down the creek a bit. From 1889 to 1888 the postmaster was Laura Eugenia Hickman (1856-1888), a sickly woman who never married and who died of Bright's disease. She was succeeded by her step-mother, Rebecca Ann Lowry Hickman (1828-1896), the third wife of my great-grandfather, Roger Hickman (1813-1888), and during their tenure the Sun Rose post office was at the Hickman ancestral house place a mile down the creek from what I had known as "Sun Rose" as a child.

Howard William "Bud" Wilt (1904-1989) and Lorelei Lorraine Wilt (1933-1994) in the photo were the children of Minnie Lee Hepler (1908-1987). Lorelei married Andrew Allen Peterson (7-7) and he works for Boeing in Pennsylvania. Last month I had a phone call from David R. Poling who happens to work with Andy Peterson. They had been talking about my family history and it turned out that Dave Poling is a descendant of Gottlieb Hartman who came to Pennsylvania in the 1700's. Gottlieb's son William Hartman was one of the "Pennsylvania Dutch" settlers in the mountains of Virginia, and he married Sophia Creek, from another German family that is also related to my (English) Hickmans and (Scots-Irish) Lockridges. William Hartman and Sophia had a son, Isaac Vernon Hartman, who married Nancy Bradshaw (1819-1864). They are buried in a Hartman family cemetery near Green Bank, Pocahontas County, W.Va.

Nancy Bradshaw was a favorite niece of the second Roger Hickman (1813-1888) and his brother William P. Hickman (1810-1864) who mentioned her in many of his letters. All I had known about Nancy's place in the family tree had come from the will of her grandfather and some letters from her uncles and aunt, as follows:

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In July I heard from W. C. Lytton Hamilton, Jr., in Albany, and a descendant of the Hammonds who died on Black Creek in the 1700's and 1800's. There were two lines of Hammonds and he was able to keep me from them until 1850. These were the lines of Hammontree because they are mentioned in Hetherington's wills, and because they started

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The two smaller girls in the photo on page one are the daughters of my uncle, Clare Brown Hickman (1905-), who has many wonderful tales of people in Bath and Highland counties and has been a great help in the compilation of this family history. He lives in Staunton now, and a few weeks ago George Campbell Bird (1939-), from Highland County, sent me a clipping from the Staunton paper containing an article about people who get their exercise walking at the mall. It was illustrated with a photo of Clare B. Hickman who is now 90 years old.

Another cousin, Becky Gabriel McGann —from my father's family this time— sent an article from the Waynesboro paper containing an interview with, and photo of, Julian K. "Pete" Hickman II, whose father was once the Commonwealth's Attorney for Bath County and later a federal judge. Pete supervises the Virginia spinal chord injury program and was interviewed after the Christopher Reeve injury.

And, to top it off, the summer 1995 issue of *ASMP Showcase* (a quarterly from the American Society of Media Photographers) carried a profile of me and two pages of my photos.

There was another "Hickman" wedding this summer when Norma Jean Hepler Vaughan (1938-) married Robert Taylor, Sr. at the historic old Windy Cove Presbyterian Church near Millboro Springs in Bath County. She is the great-granddaughter of Matilda Margaret Hickman (1854-1853) and Charles Isaac Hepler (1851-1929). Norma Jean's grandfather was Forrest Frank Hepler (1884-1939) who had the first Ford dealership in Bath County, and who employed three or four of my uncles at various times in his auto businesses at Millboro and Millicentown.

The Windy Cove church was established in 1799 and was the first Presbyterian church in what would become Bath county in 1791. Tradition says that the early worshippers came armed and set a sentinel to warn of Indian attack.

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4. Elmer M. "Bennie" Hickman (5/XII/1877-20/XII/1885) [all three children died of diphtheria in 1885]
5. Murch Hickman (28/XI/1879-29/XII/1885)
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8. Wanda Charlotte Moore (1/XII/1944-) married c.1958 to Ronald Kenneth Copeland (31/X/1931-?) married 16/IV/1976 to Dean Abbott (2/VII/1927-)
7. Florence Margaret Hickman (8/VIII/1912-21/XII/1912)—died in infancy—Ovchart, Antelope Co., Nebr.
7. Francis Elizabeth Hickman (30/XII/1913-?) married 1939 to George Michael Cooley (3/III/1905-16/III/1955) both born and married in Antelope Co.
8. Evelyn Elaine Cooley (3/VII/1931-17/VII/1967) married 1948 to Clifford Bund Jr (27/I/1928-24/II/1995) married 14/IV/1956 to Douglas Gentry (15/II/1915-?) married 18/XII/1969 to Joseph Geff (c.1932-1973)
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8. Justice Durand Hickman (30/VIII/1941-?)
7. Daisy Dell Hickman (19/VII/1919-?) married 23/II/1937 to Clarence Bernstein Wilson (31/XV/1887-?)
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9. Mary Kamerzell (7/XII/1901-?)
9. Louis Kamerzell (17/VII/1932-?)
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9. Robert Kamerzell (17/VII/1955-?)
9. Sandra Kamerzell (17/II/1957-?)
9. Rick Jackson (17/VII/1961-?)
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10. Bailey McShady (17/VII/1979-?)

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mythical cotton and tobacco plantation near Richmond, Virginia, in the 19th century. Unfortunately, she had no stories about how the Hickmans got to Nebraska, and why John Hoge Hickman's nieces returned to Virginia so many.

Vivien lives in Seattle, Ron near Denver, and Randy is in Harrisonburg, Virginia, not very far from where his great-great-grandfather was born and raised on Back Creek. Randy has provided more current data to help fill in down to the 10th generation on my Hickman Family Tree. That list of the descendants of Arthur Hickman (1712/13-1779) has grown to 28 pages—and thousands of names—now.

From these sources I was able to add the following information about the descendants of William P. Hickman and John Hoge Hickman that, sadly, show the gradual loss of the Hickman surname so that few of the living descendants of the Rev. William P. Hickman carry his name:

3. John Hoge Hickman (c/1811/1855-18/VIII/1935) married 8/31/1877 to Maggie Jane McCutney (13/XV/1863-16/III/1941) both married and died in Neigh., Neb.
4. Elmer M. "Bennie" Hickman (5/XII/1877-20/XII/1885) [all three children died of diphtheria in 1885]
5. Murch Hickman (24/XII/1879-29/XII/1885)
6. Ethel Hickman (18/XII/1882-18/XII/1885)
6. William John Hickman (13/XII/1888-31/XII/1949) married 1910 Edith Elizabeth Davis (11/XI/1892-13/VII/1980) married in Neb., moved to Oregon in 1994
7. Frost Gerrards Hickman (28/XII/1910-?) married 1932 to Wylie LeRoy Moore (12/VIII/1896-27/VIII/1987) married 29/VII/1958 to Sylvester James Collier (21/VII/1913-13/VII/1987)
8. Wanda Charlotte Moore (1/XII/1944-) married c.1958 to Ronald Kenneth Copeland (31/X/1931-?) married 26/IV/1976 to Dean Abbott (2/VIII/1927-)
7. Florence Margaret Hickman (8/VII/1912-21/XII/1912) — died in infancy—Ovachard, Antelope Co., Neb.
7. Frances Elizabeth Hickman (3/VII/1913-?) married 1930 to George Michael Cooley (5/XII/1905-16/XII/1955) both born and married in Antelope Co.
8. Evelyn Elaine Cooley (5/XVII/1931-17/VII/1987) married 1948 to Clifford Bench Jr (27/I/1929-24/IU/1995) married 14/IV/1956 to Douglas Gentry (19/I/1915-?) married 18/XII/1969 to Joseph Geff (c.1932-1973)
8. George Raymond Cooley (25/VIII/1938-) married (?) to
7. John Hoge Hickman (23/VII/1914-?) married 17/XII/1936 to Marian Bestie Mulkey (25/VII/1918-?)
8. Leiley Hoge Hickman (11/XII/1933-14/XII/1972)
8. Jessie Durles Hickman (30/VII/1941-?)
7. Daisy Dell Hickman (15/I/1919-?) married 23/XII/1937 to Clarence Bernstein Wilson (31/XV/1897-?)
8. John Keith Wilson (25/VII/1938-) married 30/VII/1960 to Norline Kathryn Farmer (7/XII/1940-?)
8. Douglas Edward Wilson (23/VII/1940-) married 1963 to Helen Gandy (1941-?) married 1964 to Constance Jean Miller 2/VI/1946-1/VII/1980
6. Miranda Bird Hickman (17/VII/1955-19/XII/1956) married 1955 George Edward Emericik (23/III/1882-24/XV/1980)
7. Vivian Asante Ensmark (10/I/1967-) married 23/VII/1982 to William John Yane (8/II/1890-23/II/2000)
 8. Amy Marie Yane (10/VIII/1982-) married (?) to J. Dodson (7-?)
married (?) to Harvey Kamerzell (8-?)
married (?) to Clark (8-?)
married (?) to J. McQuaughan (7-?)
 9. Mary Kamerzell (17/XII/1981-?)
9. Louis Kamerzell (15/VII/1932-?)
9. William Kamerzell (17/XII/1933-?)
9. Robert Kamerzell (27/VII/1935-?)
9. Sandra Kamerzell (17/III/1937-?)
9. Rick Clark (15/VII/1961-?)
9. Shelly McQuaughan (17/VIII/1963-?)
 8. Preverine Ann Yane (23/XII/1933-24/VIII/1990) married 1952 Don Dean Marshall (24/XII/1927-?)
8. Ronald Patrick Marshall (14/II/1952-) married 27/VII/1975 to Judy Byrd (16/V/1955-)
10. Anthony Brooks Marshall (24/XII/1936-?)
10. Carter Marshall (14/II/1978-?)
10. Greg Marshall (24/V/1990-?)
10. Tracy Marshall (22/XII/1984-?)
 9. Randy Anna Marshall (13/XII/1994-) married 15/III/1976 to Dolce Kay Asante (19/VII/1954-)
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The oldest son of William F. Hickman, James Brown Hickman (1886-1966), also went to Andover County, Nebraska, sometime after his first wife had died in Virginia, and maybe never lived near Brainerd, Nebraska, for 29 years.

James Brown Hickman (1886-1966) married John to Melville Key Smith (1871-1951) in 1908 in Nebraska. In all, he had seven children, four of whom were born in Virginia, and three of whom were born in Iowa. The wife also died in Virginia, and James married a third wife in 1926 in Iowa. His mother and siblings all died before him.

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5. Walter Vogel Hilckmann (1931-1986) died in 1986.

6. Barbara Johnson Hilckmann (1931-1986) died in 1986.

7. George A. Hilckmann (1927-1986) married 1953 to Andrew Johnson (1927-) later died in 1986.

8. Arthur Vogel Hilckmann (1931-1986) died in 1986.

9. Hilary E. Hilckmann (1931-1986) died in 1986.

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So far, I have heard from only two persons with the benefit of data to help complete the above list. Does anyone else know of the family of Andrew J. Hilckmann?

All writers and editors like to get mail indicating that people are reading the Peabody so I was delighted to receive a couple of responses to the newsletter of December 30, 1995.

First, my brother, Herman, was in southern California in May and Joseph Hennigan to visit the home of Helen to see her and learn more about her life. He was a brother of Helen's who died in 1989. Herman, Bob Federer, and Helen's son John Hennigan were there to help a friend a great deal on the property. They had been in contact with a local firm and had some time to get to know the lot and the subdivision which the Hennigans had built on the property and the house to sell.

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The V.E. Film History Project's goal is to document the development of British cinema. This includes historical research and the collection of primary source material such as film reviews, filmographies, and film criticism. The project also aims to promote the study of British cinema through the organization of events, exhibitions, and publications. The V.E. Film History Project is based at the University of Birmingham and is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC). The project is directed by Dr. Richard P. Hargreaves, who is also the editor of the journal *British Cinema*.

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Lt. Yarborough, Mina Ann Colborn Bond, Lt. George Clair Bond, Mahel Edith Bond
with the Curtis Jenny down in Abingdon, Ill. by George C. Bond in 1918

THE STORY OF MY FATHER, THE WORLD WAR I PILOT, WHO FLEW THE FIRST AIRPLANE EVER SEEN BY THE RESIDENTS OF ABINGDON, ILLINOIS

By George Cline Bond

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"At first we had our evenings free, but now we have a class in wireless telegraphy each evening after supper, and I understand they are going to start a class in French. We only fly by mornings so far, and have engine, shop and repair work and machine gun range of afternoons.

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After about six months in Louisiana he was transferred to Scott Field in Belleville, Illinois as an instructor. One weekend the publisher of *The Abingdon Leader*, his hometown newspaper had been in St. Louis with another Abingdon businessman and had made a trip to nearby West Point to see Dad. Here they met the commandant of the field. He was congenial, affable and proud of Dad and his friend, Sam Yarborough. He said that Dad was the safest pilot and least amateurish at the post and that Yarborough was the best stunt man. It also developed that the commandant was formerly a country newspaper publisher, so he was induced to let Dad and Sam Yarborough make a trip to Abingdon in an army plane. Dad had to make a formal request of the Officer in Charge of Flying



Lt. Yarborough, Minda Ann Colleen Bond, Lt. George Clair Bond, Mabel Edith Bond
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Dear Hickman cousins:

In January I made another trip to Virginia, this time for the funeral of my aunt, Ollie Virginia Hickman, who was born in a log cabin on the east side of Buck Creek in Bath County in 1902, and who died in a modern nursing home, but in the company of her nieces, in Richmond in 1996.

The third of seven children born to Ollie Gertrude Lockridge and Peter Lightner Hickman, hers was the fourth generation of Hickmans born at what they called Sun Rise. Her father was a farmer, a justice of the county court, and a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church and her mother was the Sun Rise postmaster. There was no electricity or running water in their house, and her mother worked hard to feed the family with home-grown food cooked on a huge wood-fired range.



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Peter Hickman's desire was for his daughter to become a school teacher, but she wanted to be a nurse too, to keep peace in the family, and to satisfy her father's wishes, Virge traveled across the mountains to Harrisonburg in the Shenandoah Valley where she got a teacher's certificate at the Virginia Normal School - now called James Madison University - and went on to teach school for one year at Cedar Creek in Bath County.

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My ongoing search for information about the Rev. William P. Hickman and his descendants is still benefiting from the contributions of others who have volunteered to help. The Rev. Joe McCay sent me copies of two photos of the original Bell Spring Presbyterian Church building, one showing a survey and a buggy next to the church.

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Brenda A. Farley, librarian at the Virginia Room of the Roanoke City Public Library, sent some Pulaski County marriage records containing data on the children and grandchildren of William P. Hickman, and also copies of U.S. Census records from 1850 to 1910 containing the Brown and Chumbley families. Those data helped to extend my knowledge of the descendants of William's daughters as follows:

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Hickmans of Back Creek

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 7. Mie (Maurie) E. Huff (M/20/1896-?)
 7. Letta B. Huff (9/11/1897-?)
 8. Mary Crockett Hickman (28/VIII/1846-28/IV/1927) married ca.1866 to William A. Chumley (22/X/1841-
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 6. Edgar Chumley (7-?)
 6. Sase Chumley (7-?)
 6. Emma S. Chumley (c.1873-?) married 18/III/1898 to George E. Webb (c.1875-?)
 6. Elizabeth Jessie Chumley (2/X/1874-?)
 6. Frederick Chumley (10/X/1877-1874?-1947)
 6. Marc C. Chumley (7/6/1881-?) married 23/XII/1908 to Jessie McC. Miller (c.1886-?) [census of 1900 says
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 6. Joseph H. (Jemmett) Chumley (IV/VIII/1885-1947)
 6. Clarence V. "Clem" Chumley (10/XII/1887-?) married 17/VII/1916 to George N. Stone (c.1891-?)
 6. Myrtle W. Chumley (26/8/1896-27/V/1971)
 7. James Brown Hickman (18/03/1848-27/V/1921)
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 6. Mary Brown (17/2/1879-?)
 6. Myrtle East Brown (18/X/1881-8/V/1884)
 6. Roy M. Brown (15/VII/1883-13/VII/1924)
 6. Benjamin W. Brown (M/2/1884-?)
 6. John Radford Brown (30/VII/1884-23/XII/1948) II
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 6. Kate Hickman Brown (10/V/1889-10/XII/1911)
 6. Adeline H. Brown (10/XII/1892-?) married 16/XII/1920 to James William Bishop (c.1888-?)
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July 26, 1995

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Can anyone tell me the dates for Lenten and Easter services where I have the 17th

The next generation of descendants of James and Elizabeth Dickey included their son, James Dickey, Jr., who was born in 1905. James, Jr. married Mary Lee Dickey, who was born in 1910. They were married in 1930 and had three children: James, Jr., Jr., born in 1932; Elizabeth, born in 1934; and James, III, born in 1936. James, Jr., Jr., died in 1959 at the age of 27. Elizabeth, known as "Bessie," died in 1965 at the age of 31. James, III, died in 1988 at the age of 53. James, Jr., Jr., and Bessie had two sons: James, IV, born in 1935, and Robert, born in 1937. James, IV, died in 1962 at the age of 27. Robert, known as "Bob," died in 1988 at the age of 51. James, III, and his wife, Mary, had one son, James, V, born in 1940. James, V, died in 1988 at the age of 48. James, III, and Mary had one daughter, Mary Lee, born in 1942. Mary Lee, known as "Lee," died in 1988 at the age of 46. Lee and her husband, George, had four children: James, VI, born in 1964; Elizabeth, born in 1966; James, VII, born in 1968; and Robert, born in 1970. James, VI, died in 1988 at the age of 24. Elizabeth, known as "Beth," died in 1988 at the age of 22. James, VII, died in 1988 at the age of 20. Robert, known as "Bob," died in 1988 at the age of 18. Lee and George also had a son, James, VIII, born in 1972.



Dale Hickman Collection

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Date

27-Feb-1863

10-May-1863

28-Jun-1863

Written from

Lexington, Rockbridge Co., Va.

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Uncle Robert's Packard. Julia M. Hickman, James D. Hoge, Halie Grey Rose Hoge, George W. Rose, Lula G. Hickman Rose, Lou Grey Hoge, George Hoge, Marian Hoge, Robert S. Hickman. About 1925.

Further up the hill, above where "Uncle Robert" lived, is the house where Frank Edwin Moyer lived when he owned the town of Cass, the company store, the sawmill, and the railroad. His mother was a Hickman and he was the uncle of Ed Brown who was at the reunion with us in Lost Creek, W.Va. The remainder of the former Moyer Lumber Co. property is now a state park. Ed's grandmother, Mattie Lockridge Hickman Moyer I knew as "Cousin Lockie" when she lived across the street from my uncle Fred Gabriel in Waynesboro, Va.

Ed has shared with me a large collection of old letters and photos saved by his grandmother and mother dating from the 1870's to the 1960's—including some from his uncles telling how they started the Moyer Lumber Company.

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Further up the hill, above where "Uncle Robert" lived, is the house where Frank Edwin Moyer lived when he owned the town of Cass, the company store, the sawmill, and the railroad. His mother was a Hickman and he was the uncle of Ed Brown who was at the reunion with us in Lost Creek, W.Va. The remainder of the former Moyer Lumber Co. property is now a state park. Ed's grandmother, Mattie Lockridge Hickman Moyer I knew as "Cousin Leckie" when she lived across the street from my uncle Fred Gabriel in Waynesboro, Va.

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